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MEET YOUR MEMBERS - JIM JOHNSON, W4JUG

Continuing our little series this month we meet Jim Johnson, W4JUG, who resides at 815 Coleman Street, Raleigh, with wife, Gladys. Jim has been with the club since shortly after its beginning, and has been licensed since 1935. His first call was an old Virginia call - W3FYH. He has also held the call W1MNB while living in Springfield - Massachusetts sometime back. He currently holds an Advanced Class ticket. Jim's son, Bud, is also licensed as K4SSM, but is presently inactive while working on his Ph.D. degree at Boston College.

Gladys mentioned (with a smile) that if she had known that Jim was such a ham (meaning amateur operator) she might have looked for another hubby, but we know this isn't true because she gave him a pair of 3-500Z's last Christmas. On visiting Jim's shack several weeks ago, this editor observed that Jim's only problem seemed to be that he had so much equipment, that he had no room to sit down when he operated the rig. Jim said that this wasn't all bad, because it kept his QSO's fairly short.

Jim prefers 75 and 40-meter phone although he has recently purchased a new Regency HR-2A FM transceiver, so plans to be active on 2-meter FM. He is currently employed at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, where he has worked for 26 years as an industrial arts instructor. He is presently organizing an ama. radio club at the school.

Jim's hometown is Lexington, Va. & he has a B.S. Degree in Industrial Arts from Hampton Institute in Hamptor, Va. He attended various other schools at Oswego, New York, University of Tenn., and Penn State. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II and met Gladys during this time. As for hobbies, he enjoys tennis, in addition to hamming, plus some part time radio - TV repair work. Tending his large antenna farm must also take some of his time. I wonder what Gladys says about that!

---------- Tom WA4OTA ----------

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society will be held Wednesday evening, November 3rd, at 7:30 P.M. Lee Johnson, WA4ZNA, will have a program on operations of phone patches. He will cover some do's and don'ts of their uses. Also, there will be a tape playback of the on-the air operation of Lt. Governor Pat Taylor on proclamation day.

The meeting will be held at the Civil Defense Headquarters, in the basement of the N.C. State Government Administrative Bldg. 116 West Jones Street. Ample parking is available behind the building. Please enter through the back door. Visitors are welcome.

FROM THE COLLECTOR & EMITTER

Only Presidents, Editors, and people with tapeworm have the right to use the "editorial "we." --TWAIN

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

On October 7, 1971, Lt. Governor Pat Taylor went on the air on 3920 kHz and proclaimed Amateur Radio Week in North Carolina November 1 through 7 for Governor Bob Scott. The Lt. Governor went on the air at 11 AM with a station set up in the Capital building in Raleigh. The station call was WB4WQO, a new call just received the day before by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. K4CIA, Bill McDowell, was the operator.

Lt. Governor Taylor first talked to 5 stations around the state, and, afterward he read the proclamation on the air. He had contacts with Oscar Norris, W4OXH, Norwood N.C.; Armand Johnson, WA4RVI, Hickory; J.D. Parker, WA4GMC, Kinston; WB4FXM, Jerry Hickok, Fort Bragg; and Van "Pete" Peterson, K4QFK, Fayetteville. He was very impressed with the fast communications around the state, and stated later on that he would like to see more amateur radio operations. He seemed like a good candidate for an amateur license, but, he will probably put that off since he is a candidate for Governor next year! Amateur Radio made a very good friend as a result of the proclamation.

The proclamation was initiated by the RARS for the third year in a row. Dave Langley, W4YDY, the net control station, and Bill, K4CIA, thank all who participated and came on frequency. It was a very nice group of guys. WRAL-TV, Channel 5, in Raleigh covered the event and had film of the Lt. Governor using the radio on the evening news show. RARS member Sam Beard, WA4POS, is the anchor man for the show.

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YAKKEY - DEE - YAK FROM THE EDITOR

There is a disturbing situation among the amateurs of North Carolina. There are a small minority of "hams" on the air running off at the mouth that don't know how the laws of the state are made. They are blaming Governor Scott for raising the price of license plates to 5 dollars. They need a lesson in how the state government works.

The legislature passes laws. The Governor can make suggestions to the legislature, but has no power to make laws. The Governor of N.C. is the only Governor in the U. S. that does not have the veto power on laws passed by the legislature. The amateurs are probably paying higher license plate fees because of this. But if the Governor had known about the bill in the legislature, he probably could have stopped it there by lobbying against it. It was as much a surprise to him as to the amateurs. The legislature passed the law on the last couple of days of its session. The bill was introduced by Mr. Lane Brown, an attorney and legislator (and CB'er) from Albemarle, N.C.

Some of the "hams" on the air are saying that the Governor is for the CB'ers, & against the amateurs. The way their mouths are working, you would think it was the CB band!

Governor Scott is the best friend amateur radio has ever had in that office. He has proclaimed Amateur Radio Week for 3 years. He appointed K4MC as his "official ham station" for delivery of his 1970 Christmas messages to the other Governors. He plans to appoint several stations this year. He has talked on amateur radio from the capital. He sent a special message to all N.C. amateurs during Ginger thanking and praising them for their outstanding service to the public.

So fellows, get the facts straight before you blame someone for something. How would you feel if a few amateurs said it was your fault because of increased license fees, when it wasn't? It is unfortunate that a few "hams" degraded amateur radio during Ginger with their hang-ups. Thank goodness it's a small minority.

Dave, W4YDY

D A V I D H O U G H T O N A T C O N V E N T I O N

David Houghton, ARRL Treasurer, attended the N.C. State ARRL Convention in Raleigh on September 26th. He has been with the ARRL for almost 50 years and this was the second convention that he has attended. He was sent to a convention in 1923 by the ole man himself Hiran Percy Maxim, W1AW, founder of the ARRL. The RARS was most happy to have Dave with us and hope he will soon return.

C O N V E N T I O N H I G H L I T E S

For the second year in a row, the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society sponsored a successful American Radio Relay League convention in Raleigh. This time it was the state convention but from the rollcall of ARRL officials here, you would have thought it was a national convention.

Pre-convention activities started at the Holiday Inn North with the regular monthly meeting of the ARRL Executive and Finance Committees. Participants included Bob Denniston, WØDX, ARRL President; Charles Compton, WØBUO, First Vice President; John Huntoon, W1RW, Secretary and General Manager; David Houghton, Treasurer; Robert Booth, W3PS, General Council; Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, Director, Canada; Larry Shima, WØPAN, Director, Dakota Division; Harry Dannals, W2TUK, Director, Hudson Division; Robert Thurston, W7PGY, Director, Northwestern Division; and Vic Clark, W4KFC, Director, Roanoke Division. The RARS thanks Vic for his work in getting the meeting held in Raleigh to coincide with our convention.

After the committee finished its work Saturday afternoon, several other meetings were held. The QCWA held a meeting conducted by Stu Meyer, W2GHK/4, while Bill Sims, W4RUQ, held a directors meeting of the N.C. FM Repeater Association. Bill McDowell, K4CIA, conducted a meeting of the NC DX Association. Highlite of that meeting was a presentation by Gus Browning, W4BPD. Saturday evening, about 90 persons attended a dinner meeting & heard short talks by ARRL officials and Norfolk FCC Engineer-In-Charge, Jerry Freeman.

Sunday morning the convention officially opened at Dorton Arena on the state fairgrounds. It's a tremendous place for hamfests. A large flea market on the main floor, along with equipment displays, had crowds trading, buying, and selling all day. Before lunch, various MARS seminars were held, an FM repeater meeting was a great success, and the morning feature was a program presented by Doug DeMaw, W1CER, QST Technical Editor & ARRL Handbook Editor.

A delicious lunch was served by Charlie Browns Steak House. The meal included fried chicken, pork chops, baked ham, slaw, string beans, and other goodies. And seconds were allowed! What, no Bar-B-Que!

After lunch, there was an ARRL Forum conducted by Vic, W4KFC. It featured the officials previously mentioned; Phil Wicker, W4ACY, Vice Director, Roanoke Division; & Chuck Brydges, W4WXZ, North Carolina's new SCM. Most made a short talk. Vic made several presentions of ARRL Life Memberships approved at the executive meeting the day before. ARRL President Bob Denniston, WØDX, pinned on the new pins. As far as the RARS NEWS is concerned, the highlite of the weekend was the presentation of a plaque to the RARS for the 1971 Roanoke Division award for the outstanding radio club journal. A surprised RARS NEWS editor accepted the award.

After the ARRL Forum, the main prize drawings were conducted by Stu, W2GHK/4. Before the drawings, everyone was making room to take a new Drake TR4 and power supply home. But that problem was solved when C.W. Duggins, K4IUN, from Whiteville had the winning ticket and he had no trouble making room in his car.

RARS XYL's hosted a ladies program at the Holiday Inn. The luncheon highlite was a "Fall Fashion" program. The fashions were modeled by XYL's of RARS members and friends.

The convention committee chairmen headed by Ed Alderman, WA4PEN, did another outstanding job and a great convention was the result.

Dave, W4YDY

N E W N O V I C E

Mike Smith, one of the graduates from the last RARS Novice class, has passed his Novice exam and is now WN4WQG. Congratulations Mike and we'll be looking for you on the air. And from Cary, word is that Bill McMurry, W4JQO, is now K4SG. I didn't know that.

RARS NEWS RECEIVES AWARD

At the ARRL Forum, held during the recent state convention in Raleigh, Vic Clark, W4KFC, presented the RARS with the 1971 Division award for radio club journals. The plaque reads as follows: 1971 ARRL ROANOKE DIVISION AWARD TO RALEIGH AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY FOR OUTSTANDING RADIO CLUB JOURNAL. The award was accepted by the editor, Dave Langley, W4YDY.

Vic also gave credit to Assistant Editor Tom Alexander, WA4OTA, 2nd Technical Editor Bert Bailey, W4FMN. There are many others that have assited in the production of the paper & deserve much credit. RARS NEWS prints 500 copies a month and goes to every county in the state, several other states, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone. Special convention issues have 1000 copies printed.

NEW MEMBERS

The RARS welcomed 6 new members to the club at the October meeting. They are Sherman R. Starns, W4TZU; Machael L. Starns, WN4UYT; Bradley M. Buff, WN4WDR; James C. Grady; Linwood B. Fordham and Kent Parrish. The club now has over 70 members.

HAM ROOM GOES NATIONWIDE!

The RARS editor was informed by a club member that the item in last month's RARS NEWS about the assistant editor's "ham" room had been put on the wire services. So maybe newspapers or even Paul Harvey has or will use the story! Not many people have their "hams" hanging in the house!

RARS ACTS DURING HURRICANE GINGER

Receiving word from Governor Scott through his ham representative, Bob Corns, K4MC, concerning possible erosion and other deleterious effects of the pending hurricane to the state of North Carolina, the emergency coordinator for ham operators in Wake County established contact with the State CD office and set up member stations of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society (RARS) to enter the Tarheel Emergency Net (THEN), relay weather reports to the NC Weather office in Raleigh, and report critical damage to the Governor's Office. RARS members volunteering their help and their shifts in monitoring the THEN included WB4HHI (0001-0100), WB4DAR (0100-0200), W4RUH, Assistant EC, Wake Country, (0200-0300), W4EEL (0300-0600), and W4CQJ (0600-0700). These were the first group who maintained vigil in the THEN during the early approach of GINGER to NC coastal area. At 0100 hours on 1 September, as an example of the real aid provided by hams, Jesse Hodges, W4EEL, was notified that the Raleigh weather stations had temporarily lost contact with its Hatteras element on RTTY and telephone, Jesse called WA4BUE in Norfolk via the THEN, and a communications check was requested. After several checks at both ends, R T T Y and telephone communications were reestablished and police department radio channels were suggested as alternate means since radio-equipped police vehicles were available at both Hatteras and Raleigh. During this first phase, another member of RARS, K4CIA, assisted in CD headquarters in Raleigh. Constant communication was maintained by RARS members in the THEN and they acted as NCS in a portion of the operation. WB4DAR checked in with his mobile station. During an equally critical phase, that portion immediately following the "All Clear," W4VLI, W4EEL, and K4EIB/4 maintained watch during the daylight hours, relaying all manner of after-action reports. Through all, K4MC maintained long hours relaying messages on CW in the Amateur Radio National Traffic System (NTS). The response of many other RARS members, who were not really needed at the time, was typically cheerful and cooperative. All officers of the RARS, from the President on down, were among those serving in a standby status. When the smoke cleared away, one of the yeomen in the fray, reliable Jesse, W4EEL, finally caught up with that elusive, wonderful, and beautiful gift of nature, sack. Altho Raleigh and surrounding areas escaped the main force of GINGER, the coastal areas of the Old North State were hard hit. Tribute must be given to those hams in these coastal areas who stuck by their rigs to give most timely and accurate reports to all who needed them. Many of the news media reports across the country were based exclusively on such reports.

Bert, W4FMN, E C

ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

Elections will be held at the November club meeting. There was one nomination each for President and Vice President and two were nominated for Secretary. Lee Johnson, WA4ZNA, will resign as VP and accept the office of President and Tom Martin, K4CQJ, will be the next VP. For Secretary, Chuck Littlewood, W4RUH, and John Fried, W4WWD, were nominated. Voting will be held in November for that office. Thanks to the nominating committee, Lee Johnson, WA4ZNA; Bob Corns, K4MC; and John Bargamian, K4VLI; and the club members for their fine selections. (Lee was outvoted 2 to 1 on his nomination.)

RARS TO GO ON TV

For five Tuesdays beginning January 4, 1972, the RARS will be on WTVD, Channel 11 in Durham for 5 eight-minute shows to promote amateur radio. They will be part of "The Peggy Mann Show" that is on 5 days a week at 1 PM. The club is now in process of working out ideas and needs help from the members. Anyone having any ideas, suggestions, or who can help in any way, come forward. Many of the details will be worked out at the executive committee meetings. Come on out and help. It's a great opportunity for amateur radio and the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society.

WB4WQO

WB4WQO, the new club call for the RARS, arrived just in time for the proclamation ceremonies held at the State Capital on October 7, 1971. Bill McDowell, K4CIA, became the first amateur operator to use the call and Lt. Governor Pat Taylor was the first guest. The first contact by WB4WQO was with Dave Langley, W4YDY, station trustee, who was getting ready to start the proclamation net. The CW operators are already shaking about the call when they think about Field Day!

W4WXZ IS NEW NC SCM

Chuck Brydges, W4WXZ, Winston-Salem, is the new Section Communications Manager for North Carolina. He was one of two nominees. The other nominee was declared ineligible because of less than 2 years an ARRL member. Those of us that know Chuck know he will do an excellent job. The RARS wants to thank Calvin Dempsey, WA4UQC, for his four years of hard work as SCM.

A R R L L I F E M E M B E R

Roanoke Division Director Vic Clark, W4KFC, informed RARS President Ed Alderman, WA4PEN, that the ARRL executive committee approved his Life Member application. Someone heard Vic telling Ed there was so much in-fighting, that the phone expansion docket was like going to a picnic! Anyway, Ed won and had his pin pinned on by ARRL President Denniston WØDX. Whew! That was close!

R A L E I G H F M R E P E A T E R

Danny Hampton, K4ITL, now has his 2-meter FM repeater operating from the BB&T building & the Carolina Hotel. On the Hotel, the transmitter output power is 250 watts and the antennas are AR-2 Ringos at both sites. The frequencies are 146.28 MHz in, and 146.88 MHz out. Space permitting, N.C. FM repeaters will be listed next month.

M A R S M E E T I N G

A good turnout was made by Navy and Army MARS at the N.C. State Convention held recently. The Navy held its meeting with about 10 loyal members and the Army contingent rallied 25 members. Mr. Harold Mulkey, Director of the Third US Army MARS program, an area including most of the South, was present from Fort McPherson, Ga., and brought members up-to-date on the latest developments in the Army-wide program. Pickings are slim in the surplus equipment these days, he said. Mr. Alvin K. Robinson, AA4NOQ, Director of the N.C. MARS District, was also present. Among items discussed by the group was the availability of MARS nets in emergencies. General procedures for such use have been spelled out in the latest MARS Newsletter put out by 3d Army. All concerned expressed great appreciation to Ed Alderman, RARS President, for the FB cooperation and friendship exhibited on this and past occasions by the RARS in connection with accompanying MARS meetings. A great time was had by all.

----------Bert, W4FMN (A4FMN)

H E A R I N G A I D S A N Y O N E?

Anyone who has an extra working surplus receiver that can be used to help get would-be hams on the air, please contact Bert Bailey, Jr., W4FMN, at 787-1643 (home) or 772-0551 (work). Many students at Holding Technical Institute are working on their novice tickets and would like to purchase receivers in the 25-40 dollar class. (You know, any ole beatup 75A3, or SIG-1). Several students purchased some of Warren's FB receivers, WB4DAR, and others at the convention and they are eagerly devouring W1AW to get that code down. So, CQ,CQ,CQ any old rcvr, de HTI pls.

N O R T H C A R O L I N A Q S O P A R T Y

All amateurs are invited to participate in the second North Carolina QSO party sponsored by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. This contest will take place from 1800 GMT November 6th to 0200 GMT November 8th, with no time or power restrictions. It is open to all amateurs, and North Carolina-to-North Carolina contacts are permitted. Stations may be worked once on phone and once on CW on each band. The exchange will be QSO number, RS(T) and QTH (county for North Carolina stations and ARRL section or country for others). Logging information -- date/time in GMT, station worked, exchanges, bands, emission & multipliers.

SCORING SYSTEM: A complete QSO counts 2 points. North Carolina stations multiply points by the number of ARRL sections worked (DX may be worked for points, but do not count as multipliers). Non-North Carolina stations use the number of North Carolina counties for the multiplier (a possible total of 100).

AWARDS: Certificates to the highest scoring station in each ARRL section, country, and North Carolina county. Certificate to top Novice entry. A trophy will be awarded to the top North Carolina station and the top out-of-state entry.

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: CW - 1810, 3590, 7060, 14060, 21060 kHz

SSB - 3920, 7260, 14290, 21410, 28600 kHz

NOVICES - 3725, 7175, 21110 kHz

Logs should be mailed no later than November 30, 1971. Mail to: Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Attn: Contest, P.O. Box 12541, Raleigh, N.C. 27605. Please include a signed declaration that all contest rules and operating regulations have been observed.

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November 1 - 7	N.C. Amateur Radio Week	December ??	RARS CHRISTMAS PARTY
November 3	Regular Meeting	January 4	RARS on Channel 11 TV
November 3 - 4	FCC Exams/Winston-Salem	January 5	Regular Meeting
November 6 - 8	N. C. QSO Party	January 11	RARS on Channel 11 TV
November 13-14	ARRL SS Phone	January 18	RARS on Channel 11 TV
November 16	Executive Committee Meets	January 18	Executive Committee Meets
November 20-21	ARRL SS CW	January 25	RARS on Channel 11 TV
November 27-28	CQ WW DX CW Contest	February 1	RARS on Channel 11 TV
December 1	Regular Meeting	February 2	Regular Meeting
December 1	FCC Exams/Wilmington	February 15	Executive Committee Meets
December 21	Executive Committee Meets	Monday Ngts/8:30	RARS N E T 28.540 MHZ

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